Committee for Haj affairs

281. SHRI RAJIV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Committee of eminent persons to make the "Haj" cheaper and more pleasant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No.

(b) Question does not arise.

Meeting of the Ministers of External Affairs

† 282. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the Ministers of External Affairs of Russia, China and India was held recently;

(b) if so, the decisions taken therein; and

(c) Government's opinion on making a confederation of Russia, China and India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) An informal luncheon meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China took place on September 14, 2002 in New York. The meeting did not have any agenda. The three Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the topical issues on the agenda of the 57th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. It was agreed to continue contacts in this format.

(d) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.